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Connectivity to State Capitals
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the State capitals are connected by the broad gauge line and the number out of them that are served by the Rajdhani and Shatabdi like fast trains;

(b) whether the Railways shall consider to connect all the State Capitals at least thrice in a week by Rajdhani Express which are yet to be served by this kind of services and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Tripura Sundari Express shall be extended upto Udaipur (Tripura) and one pair of daily inter-city train shall be introduced shortly between Agartala and Guwahati; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a): All State Capitals except the State of Meghalaya, Manipur, Nagaland, Mizoram and Sikkim are connected by Broad Gauge Railway Line. In Goa, Broad Gauge rail connectivity exists upto Madgaon and Vasco-da-Gama stations. The summer Capital of Jammu & Kashmir, Srinagar is connected to Broad Gauge network but it does not have connectivity with Railways network beyond Banihal.

At present, out of the 29 States, 22 States are connected by Rajdhani/Shatabdi Express type of train services.

(b): At present there is no proposal to connect the State Capitals which are yet to be served by Rajdhani Express. However, introduction of train services including Rajdhani Express is an ongoing process over Indian Railways subject to operational feasibility, commercial viability, availability of resources etc.

(c) & (d): At present, there is no proposal to extend 14019/14020 Anand Vihar-Agartala Tripura Sundari Expresss upto Udaipur (Tripura) and introduce a daily intercity train between Agartala and Guwahati due to operational and resource constraints.

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